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UBJECT: DRUGS IN PEOPLE'S TEMPLE COMMUNITY
. EMBASSY CONCURRENCE IS REQUESTED IN THE TRAVEL OF DRUG NFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION'S SAIC FRANK BRIGGS TO GUYANA ROM CARACAS. HIS ASSIGNMENT WOULD BE TO PURSUE INVESTIGA-ION OF MEANS BY WHICH PEOPLE'S TEMPLE COMMUNITY OBTAINED RUGS EVENTUALLY ADMINISTERED TO MEMBERS IN LETHAL POTION. RIGGS WISHES TO CONSULT GUYANESE COUNTERPARTS AND TO NSPECT PHYSICAL EVIDENCE (CONTAINERS, DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED ITH DRUG STORAGE AND SHIPMENT).
. DEA'S INVESTIGATION IS RESPONSIVE TO KEEN INTEREST OF OUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON NARCOTICS (LESTER WOLFF
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HAIRMAN), AS WELL AS CONGRESSMAN YATRON'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON STER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS AND SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUVENILE ELINQUENCY (SENATOR CULVER). BRIGGS WOULD PLAN TO CONFINE IS ACTIVITIES TO GEORGETOWN. FYI DEA HAS PARTICIPATED IN NTERVIEWS WITH JONESTOWN SURVIVORS IN THE U.S. BUT REPORTS URVIVORS HAVE PARTED WITH VERY LITTLE INFORMATION ON THIS UBJECT.
. EMBASSY SUPPORT NOT REQUIRED BUT BRIGGS WOULD PLAN TO ONTACT EMBASSY UPON ARRIVAL AND TO REPORT ON HIS FINDINGS O CHIEF AMBASSADOR.
. DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES THAT CONSIDERABLE NUMBER NVESTIGATORS ALREADY PRESENT IN GEORGETOWN AND DOES OT WANT TO COMPLICATE RELATIONS WITH GOG BY OVERLOADING REQUITS: AT SAME TIME DEA HAS STRONG INTEREST IN HAVING IS MAN PURSUE HIS FIELD. WELCOME AMBASSADOR'S VIEWS N TIMING SUCH VISIT, IF ANY PROBLEMS FORESEEN. CHRISTOPHER
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